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## **AMENDMENT A**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed April 29, 2003, please amend the above application as follows (clean replacement version follows immediately, then REMARKS, and finally a marked up version showing changes made):

## In the Specification:

On page 1, replace the section entitled "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" as follows:

## CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Reference is made to co-pending U.S. Patent Application, filed on March 11, 2002 in my name as follows:

Ser. No. 10/095,166, entitled DIGITAL DENSITOMETER USING LIGHT-TO-FREQUENCY CONVERTER.

On page 6, replace the paragraph beginning on line 18 as follows:

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Advancing component technologies are reducing the aforementioned cost barriers, making densitometers cost-effective in an increasing range of applications. On-board densitometers have gradually penetrated the printer market, down even to some